



Campo Band of Mission Indians

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Ellen Wheatley, PhD
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Dear Director Wheatley:

This letter describes how California's Campo Band of Mission Indians Child Care and Education Center plans to use the Child Care and Development Funds (CCDF) awarded under the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act (CRRSA). We understand that this description will be used for the purpose of informing the Office of Child Care, Administration for Children and Families and Congress how our Lead Agency anticipates using the funds to support the child care needs in our jurisdiction.

We plan to use CRRSA funds for activities in the following categories:

1. Direct Services/Subsidies

- The CCDF funds will be used to increase the rate of relative care providers to a more comparable rate.
- We will provide relative care providers with equipment and furniture, such as tables and chairs, so that providers can provide education and activities for the children.
- We will increase Campo Child Care child care staffs' hourly rate to be aligned with the state minimum wage.
- Hire a consultant to help develop an overall strategic plan for the Center.

2. Implementation of Virus Mitigation Policies and Practices

- PPE, resources and technical assistance will be purchased for and provided to the Center to continue following the CDC guidelines for COVID-19 mitigation and prevention
- PPE, resources and technical assistance will be purchased for and provided to the Campo Kumeyaay Summer Program. The proposed program will focus on social-emotional wellbeing since COVID-19 has led to more trauma and isolation. These factors have significant impact on mental, emotional and physical health of our children, parents and the community. While the majority of activities will be provided via Zoom, it is important to get the community together (in a safe way by following CDC guidelines). We plan outdoor activities with a small group of children (approximately six), so we can practice social distancing.

- For relative childcare providers, we will provide PPE, resources and technical assistance, as well as trainings and home visits to ensure virus mitigations policies and procedures are being practiced in these homes.
- Hire consultant to help update health and safety policies and procedures, including emergency preparedness and pandemics.

3. Grants or Assistance (Other than Subsidies) to Stabilize Child Care Providers

- At this time, we do not have a pool of potential child care providers, therefore we plan to improve the Center's offerings and capabilities to meet children's, parents' and the community's needs. Additionally, we are increasing the earnings of the relative child care providers, as well as providing resources, equipment, trainings and technical assistance.
- We may need technical assistance in this area to understand if there are ways to use the money for these purposes.

4. Assistance to Providers Not Participating in the Subsidy System Prior to the Pandemic

- For the 8-week Campo Kumeyaay Summer Program, we will use CCDF funds to recruit and hire providers, counselors and nutrition staff for the program. We need the additional staffing to be able to provide virtual activities, deliver materials and resources to the children, to ensure we can practice social distancing when we have "in-person" outdoor activities, etc.
- We may need technical assistance in this area to understand if there are ways to use the money for these purposes.

5. Other

- We plan to build an outdoor classroom/community area with seating, tables, a stage, a big fan, and covering for shade for outdoor learning, academic and cultural classes for children, community engagement events, etc. In addition, there will be a bike path and nature trail with signs and labels highlighting Kumeyaay plants and trees.
- We plan to build an outdoor playground with swings, slides, climbing apparatuses, etc. We will need rubberized flooring and a covering for protection from the sun.
- We plan to redesign the back patio of the Center to create an outdoor community and play area. We will add a bigger awning, seating and tables, barbecues, etc.
- Hire a consultant to increase broadband width for the Center.
- Pay for Zoom licenses to improve our educational opportunities for children and their families.
- We plan to use funds to implement our tribally approved active shooter plan, in order to keep children and families safe.

The Campo Band of Mission will amend our CCDF plan as a result of activities implemented under CRRSA funding not currently described in the plan, within 60 days of implementation.

Sincerely,

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